Week of August 5, 2012

**Grazul-Bilska Invited Speaker in Spain** – Anna Grazul-Bilska
Dr. Anna Grazul-Bilska was invited by Dr. Alex Bach, Research Professor at the Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies (ICREA) of the Institute of Research in Agriculture and Technology (IRTA), and Head of the Department of Ruminant Production of IRTA in Barcelona, Spain. During her visit on July 12 and 13, 2012, she interacted with faculty and students of IRTA and presented a seminar entitled “Diet before and during the peri-conceptual period: Effects on oocyte quality and early embryonic development in sheep.”

**Gamma Sigma Delta Bus Tour** – Greg Lardy and Jane Schuh
Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture, is hosting a chartered bus tour sampling North Dakota agriculture on August 9, 2012. The tour is supported through the College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources and contributions from the NDSU Gamma Sigma Delta chapter’s donors. A $10 registration fee will cover snacks and beverages on the bus; lunch is on your own (Napoleon Café).

This is a good opportunity for new faculty members and staff from disciplines across the university to see the state and to highlight the number one driver of the state’s economy in a fun, day-long (7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.), air conditioned tour format. The tour will include: Tharaldson Ethanol in Casselton, Central Grasslands REC in Streeter, Napoleon Livestock Auction in Napoleon, and a farm stop.

To sign up for the tour, contact Greg Lardy (gregory.lardy@ndsu.edu) or Jane Schuh (jane.schuh@ndsu.edu) by 4:00 p.m., Monday, August 6.
**Recent Publication**

**New Graduate Student**
Nichole Chapel completed her B.S. degree at NDSU in Equine Studies and Animal Science in 2012. Working under Dr. Joel Caton, Nichole completed and presented her undergraduate research in ruminant nutrition. When the opportunity was presented, she also helped on many other research projects.

Nichole is working toward her M.S. degree with Dr. Sarah Wagner in animal behavior. She is enthusiastic to remain at NDSU and continue to provide contributions in animal research.

Nichole’s office is Hultz 108, her email is Nichole.Chapel@my.ndsu.edu, and her phone number is 231-7630.

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What: NDSU Ag Ambassadors Back-to School Ice Cream Social  
Who: CAFSNR students, faculty, and staff  
When: 8/22/12, 6:00 p.m.  
Where: Memorial Union Ballroom

Come and welcome new and returning students and maybe win a door prize!